

fund do not have any knowledge about how to fix the program. Perhaps the gentleman, in his wisdom, forgot that one of the trustees was the Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Rubin. Perhaps he forgot one of the trustees was the Secretary of Health and Human Services who oversees the entire Medicare program. She is one of the trustees. Perhaps the gentleman, in his rhetorical splendor, forgot that Shirley F. Chater, Commissioner of Social Security, is one of the trustees. Those are all President Clinton's appointees who are charged with running the program, besides statutorily being trustees of the trust fund. They have responsibility.

In their report they suggested in a general way legislative changes. Read the conclusion of the trustees' report. They said generally we should take programs that are in effect and extend them to other areas. What H.R. 1590 asks is to be specific in the recommendations that those trustees made, including the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

In addition, there has been great weight placed on linking fixing Medicare with tax cuts and arguing that our attempt to fix Medicare is because we want to spend it on taxes. Where were you folks a couple of months ago when the House of Representatives voted out tax cuts that were fully funded? Was a piece of Medicare funding used for those tax cuts? Yes. What was it? The only Medicare cuts suggested by President Clinton in his fiscal year 1996 budget. They totaled a munificent \$10 billion, and they were extenders of current limitations. That is all the Democrats have offered from the Clinton administration. We accepted those and included them in the fully funded tax cuts.

What is in front of us is the bankruptcy of Medicare. Listen carefully: "Today Medicaid and Medicare are going up at 3 times the rate of inflation. We propose to let it go up at 2 times the rate of inflation. Today Medicare beneficiaries get \$4,700. In 2002, we propose \$6,300." That is going up, that is not going down. Who said, "Today Medicaid and Medicare are going up at 3 times the rate of inflation. We propose to let it go up at 2 times the rate of inflation?" President Clinton 2 years ago.

How interesting when you see an opportunity to make political hay with seniors. You refuse to give responsible suggestions for change.

H.R. 1590 is a responsible suggestion for change, and we urge its passage.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California [Mr. THOMAS] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1590.

The question was taken.

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 247, nays 170, not voting 17, as follows:

[Roll No. 330]

YEAS—247

Allard	Funderburk	Neumann
Archer	Gallegly	Ney
Armey	Ganske	Norwood
Bachus	Gekas	Nussle
Baesler	Geren	Orton
Baker (CA)	Gilchrest	Oxley
Baker (LA)	Gillmor	Packard
Ballenger	Gilman	Parker
Billbray	Goodlatte	Paxon
Bilirakis	Goodling	Petri
Bliley	Gordon	Pombo
Blute	Goss	Porter
Boehlert	Graham	Portman
Boehner	Green	Pryce
Bonilla	Greenwood	Quillen
Bono	Gunderson	Quinn
Brewster	Gutknecht	Radanovich
Brownback	Hall (TX)	Ramstad
Bryant (TN)	Hancock	Regula
Bunn	Hansen	Riggs
Bunning	Hastert	Roberts
Burr	Hastings (WA)	Rohrabacher
Burton	Hayes	Ros-Lehtinen
Buyer	Hayworth	Roth
Callahan	Hefley	Roukema
Calvert	Heineman	Royce
Camp	Herger	Salmon
Canady	Hilleary	Sanford
Castle	Hoekstra	Saxton
Chabot	Hoke	Scarborough
Chambliss	Horn	Schaefer
Chapman	Hostettler	Schiff
Chenoweth	Houghton	Seastrand
Christensen	Hunter	Sensenbrenner
Chrysler	Hutchinson	Shadegg
Clinger	Hyde	Shaw
Coble	Inglis	Shays
Coburn	Johnson (CT)	Shuster
Collins (GA)	Johnson, Sam	Sisisky
Combest	Jones	Skeen
Condit	Kasich	Smith (MI)
Cooley	Kelly	Smith (NJ)
Cox	Kim	Smith (TX)
Crane	King	Smith (WA)
Crapo	Kingston	Solomon
Cremeans	Klug	Souder
Cubin	Knollenberg	Spence
Cunningham	Kolbe	Stearns
Davis	LaHood	Stenholm
Deal	Largent	Stockman
DeLay	Latham	Stump
Diaz-Balart	LaTourrette	Talent
Dickey	Laughlin	Tate
Doolittle	Lazio	Tauzin
Dornan	Leach	Taylor (MS)
Dreier	Lewis (CA)	Taylor (NC)
Duncan	Lewis (KY)	Thomas
Dunn	Lightfoot	Thornberry
Ehlers	Linder	Tiahrt
Ehrlich	Livingston	Torkildsen
Emerson	LoBiondo	Torricelli
English	Longley	Traficant
Ensign	Lucas	Upton
Everett	Manzullo	Visclosky
Ewing	Martini	Vucanovich
Fawell	McCollum	Waldholtz
Fields (TX)	McCrery	Walker
Flanagan	McDade	Walsh
Foley	McHugh	Wamp
Forbes	McInnis	Watts (OK)
Fowler	McIntosh	Weldon (FL)
Fox	McKeon	Weldon (PA)
Franks (CT)	Metcalf	Weller
Franks (NJ)	Meyers	White
Frelinghuysen	Mica	Whitfield
Frisa	Miller (FL)	Wicker
	Molinari	Wolf
	Moorhead	Young (AK)
	Murtha	Young (FL)
	Myers	Zeliff
	Myrick	Zimmer
	Nethercutt	

NAYS—170

Abercrombie	Barrett (WI)	Bentsen
Andrews	Becerra	Bevill
Baldacci	Beilonson	Bishop

Bonior	Hinchey	Pallone
Borski	Holden	Pastor
Boucher	Hoyer	Payne (NJ)
Browder	Jackson-Lee	Payne (VA)
Brown (CA)	Jacobs	Pelosi
Brown (FL)	Jefferson	Peterson (MN)
Brown (OH)	Johnson (SD)	Pickett
Bryant (TX)	Johnson, E. B.	Pomeroy
Cardin	Johnston	Poshard
Clay	Kanjorski	Rahall
Clayton	Kaptur	Rangel
Clement	Kennedy (MA)	Reed
Clyburn	Kennedy (RI)	Richardson
Coleman	Kennelly	Rivers
Collins (MI)	Kildee	Roemer
Conyers	Klink	Rose
Costello	LaFalce	Roybal-Allard
Cramer	Lantos	Rush
Danner	Levin	Sabo
de la Garza	Lewis (GA)	Sanders
DeFazio	Lincoln	Sawyer
DeLauro	Lofgren	Schroeder
Dellums	Lowe	Schumer
Deutsch	Luther	Scott
Dicks	Maloney	Serrano
Dingell	Manton	Skaggs
Dixon	Markey	Skelton
Doggett	Martinez	Slaughter
Dooley	Mascara	Spratt
Doyle	Matsui	Stark
Durbin	McCarthy	Stokes
Edwards	McDermott	Studds
Engel	McHale	Stupak
Eshoo	McKinney	Tanner
Evans	McNulty	Tejeda
Farr	Meehan	Thompson
Fattah	Meek	Thornton
Fazio	Menendez	Thurman
Fields (LA)	Mfume	Towns
Filner	Miller (CA)	Velazquez
Frank (MA)	Mineta	Vento
Frost	Minge	Volkmer
Furse	Mink	Ward
Gejdenson	Moakley	Waters
Gephardt	Mollohan	Watt (NC)
Gibbons	Montgomery	Waxman
Gonzalez	Moran	Williams
Gutierrez	Nadler	Wilson
Hall (OH)	Neal	Wise
Hamilton	Oberstar	Woolsey
Harman	Obey	Wyden
Hastings (FL)	Olver	Wynn
Hefner	Ortiz	Yates
Hilliard	Owens	

NOT VOTING—17

Ackerman	Foglietta	Peterson (FL)
Barcia	Ford	Reynolds
Berman	Hobson	Rogers
Collins (IL)	Istook	Torres
Coyne	Klecza	Tucker
Flake	Lipinski	

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Mr. KANJORSKI changed his vote from "yea" to "nay."

So (two-thirds not having voted in favor thereof) the motion was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 995

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 995.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Colorado?

There was no objection.

PERMISSION FOR ALL COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES TO SIT TODAY AND BALANCE OF THE WEEK DURING 5-MINUTE RULE

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged motion.